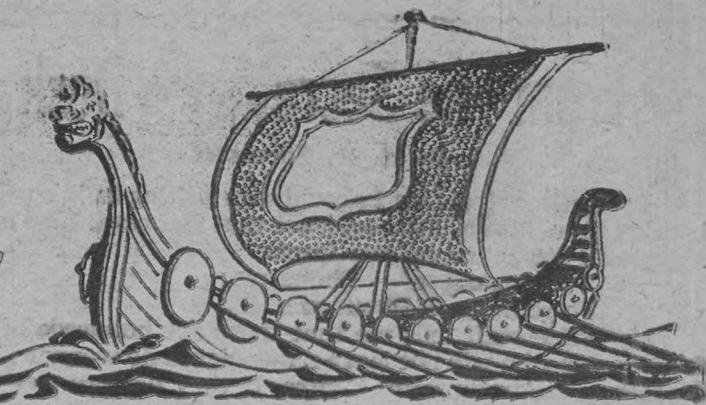


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Vasa Ladies' Strawberry Tea

Vasa Ladies wish to thank all those who attended the Strawberry Tea at Vasa Park on July 9th, and to apologize to those who were turned away when supplies ran out. Many more people came than was anticipated, and as this was the ladies' first venture, they hope to do better another time. All those who assisted are thanked, as well as the following for donating cakes: Mrs. Ella Peterson, Mrs. Emma Krag, Mrs. Margaret Engvall, Mrs. Evelyn Modin, Mrs. Hensene Pierre, Mrs. Mary Pearson, Mrs. Irma McMaster, Mrs. Minnie Markstrom, Mrs. Astrid Winquist, and Mrs. Milda Beckstrom.

CHILDREN'S WEEK AT VASA PARK

Once again the children of Vasa members enjoyed a wonderful week at Vasa Park, Pigeon Lake. There were 65 children and a number of instructors and cooks. On Sunday, July 16th, the children put on a program, despite the rain, to show what can be accomplished in one week. The rain dampened the spectators, but not their spirits, as they watched the children go through their various acts.

Camp leaders Betty Pearson and Alice Johnson thanked all those who helped in any way to make the week a success, and also those who donated food for the camp.

This year four of the young girls who have attended camp in previous years came out to assist the instructors, and it certainly shows the enthusiasm of the young people in lodge work. Crests were given to all the boys and girls, and top awards were given to Janet Sund of Skandia Lodge, and Grant Eklund of Buford Lodge for swimming.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Engvall wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Doreen Margaret to Ray Nyroos, son of Mr. George Nyroos. Wedding to take place on August 12th at 4:00 p.m. in Augustana Lutheran Church.

Skandia Lodge held their meeting at Pigeon Lake on July 1st. The following new members joined our fraternity: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wood and Mr. Clarence Asp of Wetaskiwin.

A vote of thanks was biven to Henry Benstrom, and all those who helped to make the annual picnic such a success.

Various reports were given by the delegates who attended the District Convention.

Doreen Engvall was elected children's leader for the coming year. Rudy Sund volunteered to represent Vasa Lodge on the Scandinavian Centre Cultural Program Committee for the coming year. Verna Kvarnberg was elected as official photographer for the Lodge. Following the meeting lunch was served, and everyone danced to the music of volunteers who do such a wonderful job to entertain all those present. The

Icelandic Society

Among recent visitors to Edmonton were Mr. and Mrs. A. Pepper of Burnaby, B.C., while here they visited friends and relatives, including Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pepper.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Sumarlidason are enjoying a much-needed holiday at the west coast. During their absence would you please send your news items to Mrs. F. Smith, 11547-91 St., Phone GR 7-5557.

A bride of August 5 is Pat McCullough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood, and grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Gislason. The bridegroom is Donald LaMaire of Seattle. The wedding will take place in Edmonton.

We wish to thank all those people who helped so willingly in the Scandinavian booth at the Exhibition.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris McNaughton and family have returned from a trip to Berwyn and Whitelaw visiting relations and generally enjoying the wonders of our north country.

Mrs. W. S. McNaughton is enjoying a visit to her old home in Glenboro, Manitoba, a guest at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Swanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cameron and family have returned from a three-week holiday spent travelling through the north and west. They journeyed to Fort St. John and then leisurely down the Hart Highway fishing along the way. Their return trip included a visit to Drumheller and a few days spent in their hobby of rock collecting.

We regret to hear that two of our members have spent part of this lovely summer in the hospital; Mrs. Lil Ledger and Pat Lane, we are happy to report, are making a slow but sure recovery.

next meeting will be at Vasa Park on August 5th.

VASA PICNIC

The annual picnic got off to a colorful start with a parade led by Verna Kvarnberg, Doreen Engvall, Henry Benstrom, Lennart Petersson.

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Finnish Society

Belated birthday greetings go to Mrs. P. Utunen who celebrated her birthday last month.

Birthday greetings go to Mr. P. Utunen, Mr. T. Salomaa, Mr. A. Routh, Mr. V. Salomaa, and Mr. O. Virtanen, who will be celebrating their birthdays this month.

Dick John were the names given the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sahuri of Edmonton at the christening service performed by Rev. David Baker at the Augustana Lutheran Church July 16. Godparents were Mr. and Mrs. L. Leino.

Mrs. L. Majamaa, of Winnipeg, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. L. Leino.

A farewell party was held for Mr. and Mrs. V. Salomaa at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Salomaa. Mr. and Mrs. V. Salomaa will be moving to Vancouver, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Ristola and family recently returned from a trip to Seattle, Washington and also many points in western Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Vesalainen, their daughter Ulla and Miss Rita Nahkuri spent a very enjoyable holiday at Miette Hot Springs. They also motored to various lakes in Jasper National Park.

Mrs. E. Luhtala would like to thank all the ladies of the Finnish Society for their help and donations at the Scandinavian Centre booth at the Edmonton Exhibition.

You'll never be popular if you spend all your time taking advantage of your right of free speech.

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TOTAL: \$11.00.

Sons Of Norway

SHOPPERS' SPECIAL, JULY 13

Over 60 members of Solgylt and Sunray Lodges joined together for a top evening of fun and entertainment.

The function, under the direction of social director K. Svidal, assisted by the Ladies' Auxiliary, provided everyone with an opportunity to try their hand at making an artistic and tasty open sandwich. Following lunch those assembled enjoyed movies complete with popcorn. At the meeting which preceded the social evening, three new members were initiated into Sons of Norway, Mrs. F. Jonsrud, Mr. L. Slethun and Mr. E. Johnson.

Mr. K. Svidal, together with the board of directors, is proceeding with arrangements for the big picnic to be held on Sunday, August 20. Members and friends will be advised of specific details.

MEYER-MILOBAR RITE HELD AT AVONMORE CHURCH

In a recent ceremony held in Avonmore Church, vows of marriage were exchanged by Miss Eva Matilda Milobar and Mr. Walter Bruce Meyer.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Milobar and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Myhre, all of Edmonton.

Rev. A. B. Simpson conducted the service in which Mr. Milobar gave his daughter in marriage.

The bride chose a gown of silk organza accented with a lace panel and a scalloped lace neckline. Her chapel veil was held by a lace head-dress and she carried a cascade bouquet of red roses. Her only jewelry was a pearl necklace and earrings, a gift of the groom.

Attending the bride were two senior bridesmaids, two junior bridesmaids and two flower girls. The groom was attended by Mr. J. MacDonald and Mr. Arvid Myhre.

Ushers were Marvin Myhre and George Halvorsen.

Soloist during the signing of the register was Crystal MacDonald Fleuty.

At a reception at the Riviera Hotel Mr. N. Haavaldsen was toastmaster and Mr. J. MacDonald read the telegrams.

The bride's travelling costume was a brown suit with white accessories. Following a honeymoon trip to Yellowstone and Waterton Mr. and Mrs.

DANIA

Dania is holding the annual Fugleskydning, bird shoot, on Sunday, August 13, at the same place as it was held last year. For those of you who did not go last year, please note: Turn west at the CKUA Transmitter on the Calgary Highway for about 1½ miles, then south. Danish flags will mark both turns. Shooting will start sharp at 2:00 p.m., so please come early in order to take part in the competition from its beginning. Guns and ammunition will be provided at the range. Please do not bring your own guns. No shooting will be allowed other than on the range. This is a safety measure for the protection of anyone who may be picnicking in the surrounding area.

There will be games for the youngsters and the ladies who do not wish to take part in the shooting, so bring the whole family and your lunch. Coffee and other refreshments will be available at the grounds.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Looking back over my shoulder from the plane starting me on my journey to Copenhagen, I am watching the lights from my beloved city of Edmonton fading away. As the light dims my mind fills with happy memories and thoughts of you, my friends and children, all of you who have given me such a rich and happy life over the past years, and now this wonderful trip so that I could be with my parents on their diamond wedding anniversary . . . to all of you, from the bottom of my heart . . . Thank You. I am sure not a day shall pass that I will not be thinking of you at home. How can I ever forget your kindness and generosity. Once again, than you.

Vera Nielsen,
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Meyer will make their home in Edmonton.

Mrs. K. Amdam and her daughter Arlene holidayed at Jasper for one week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Rikstad and their two sons have left on a motor trip to various points in British Columbia. On their itinerary are visits to the Okanagan Valley and Osoyoos, where they will visit Mrs. Rickstad's aunt.

Mrs. A. Vanoni and her children recently spent a week at Pigeon Lake.

Mrs. N. Navarseth returned recently from a enjoyable trip to Oregon where she visited with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kristensen and Mr. and Mrs. S. Tychsen and their family spent an enjoyable week's holiday at Jasper and Banff.

Recuperating from recent operations are Mrs. A. Searl and Henry Myhre.

"Although the time went too quickly, it was very enjoyable" was

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SCANDINAVIAN DAY Elk Island Park—Sunday, July 30

Handball Play-Off	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Gymnastic Display	2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.
"Variety Review"	3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

EDITORIAL

From The Secretary's Desk

By S. A. Sorenson

I sometimes feel that I should stop writing in this column, because there is very little evidence that it is read. Last month I appealed for action on two fronts:

To canvassers — Phone me;

To readers — Phone me.

My office staff tells me that there are hundreds of calls from people who will not leave a message. I do wonder if they concern our Scandinavian Centre. If they do, say so — and leave your name, please. Nothing must now hold up the realization of our dream of a Scandinavian Centre in Edmonton. I am sure we all speak with one voice when we say that

BUILDING MUST COMMENCE IN 1961!

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEET WITH

DR. MINNOS — JUNE 26, 1961

The Planning Committee, consisting of five directors and representatives from each of the Scandinavian Societies, met at the Elks Club for an informal discussion on the basic ideas underlying our cultural, recreational and social Centre. The net result — Dr. Minsos is preparing a new set of sketches to be presented to the Planning Committee at an early date.

THE CENTRE LAUNCHES FLOAT IN EXHIBITION PARADE — JULY 17

The Viking Ship plowing through the waves of the Atlantic will always be symbolic of the pioneering of our forebears on this American continent. The float, designed by Mr. K. L. Svidal, was in perfect harmony with the theme of this year's parade, "The Frontier Day." The float received honorable mention, and our thanks and appreciation go to all those who labored so faithfully to make this year's float a reality.

THE EXHIBITION BOOTH

As I write these lines the exhibition booth is a bee-hive of activity. The manager, Mr. Norman Christensen, and the ladies, predict an outstanding financial success surpassing that of any former year. The Centre is deeply grateful to all the volunteers workers — mostly ladies — for their unstinted efforts on behalf of the Centre. It is the opinion of the writer that the Scandinavian Centre Booth at the Exhibition is here to stay. Scandinavians from far and near find a home here when visiting Edmonton's annual Exhibition.

DIRECTORS' MEETING — JULY 11

A note of optimism prevailed throughout the meeting. All feel that the Centre will yet get underway in 1961.

REMEMBER — ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN DAY AT ELK ISLAND PARK — JULY 30, 1961

This will be a real day of fellowship and fun for all. We look forward to seeing you there.

APPRECIATION

In our project there are two kinds of people — the worker and the non-worker. The latter can do much toward the realization of our Centre simply by passing along a word of appreciation to the workers. This bit of thoughtfulness gives renewed enthusiasm to our large staff of volunteer workers. If they never hear a word of appreciation, they are apt to think "What's the use? Nobody appreciates my work anyway!" A little consideration — a word of appreciation — can do so much to give one a lift.

COMMENTS

In keeping you informed of the activities and progress of the Centre from month to month, I do wonder if you read what I write.

Your editor and I would both welcome comments regarding your paper. If there is something you like about the paper, say so! If there is something which you think could be improved, or something which you think should be changed, say so!

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"SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE SALUTES A VIKING FRONTIER." In keeping with the theme of the 1961 Exhibition Parade, the float which featured a stylized Viking ship, was well received. The float was awarded honourable mention in the best non-commercial class. Riding the float down Jasper Avenue were the following: Sharon Sorenson; Dora Christensen; Per Christensen; Diana Storheim; Linda Storheim.

Sons Of Norway

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the comment made by Mr. and Mrs. J. Reno who recently returned from Norway.

Della Marie were the names given to the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Jonsrud at a ceremony held in Christ Lutheran Church on July 9. The christening gown was one which had been worn by the father.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Jonsrud home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Meyer are making their home at 12128-122 St., and their telephone number is GL 4-5068.

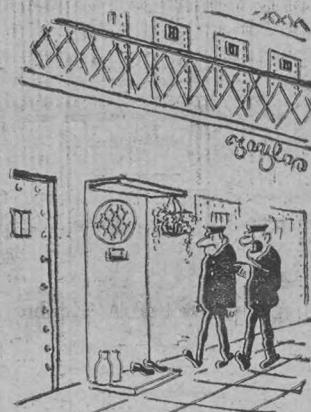
Mr. S. A. Sorenson recently returned from the Social Credit convention held in Ottawa. On his return trip he visited with his daughter at Brantford and his son at Chalk River, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Anders Anderson have moved from Calgary to Wabamun where Mr. Anderson is presently employed with Calgary Power.

Mrs. P. Melhus was a recent visitor in Fort St. John at the home of her son and daughter-in-law. The highlight of her visit was the arrival of her first grand-daughter.

Mrs. H. Stockland has her sister from Norway as her guest.

Joke of the Week



"The Warden thinks he's innocent!"

Edmonton and District Football Association

Games played as follows:

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DANIA SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

August 5—DANIA in President's Cup Final—Clarke Stadium.

August 13—DANIA vs. RED DEER UNITED—South Side Park.

August 15—DANIA vs. LANCERS—South Side Park.

August 26—DANIA vs. RED DEER HEARTS—South Side Park.

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Yes, this year the eighth annual Scandinavian Day at Elk Island Park is one which no one will want to miss.

For those who are interested in sports, there will be a Handball Play-off beginning at 10:30 a.m. running through until 1:00 p.m. Nine handball teams from Edmonton and Calgary will be competing for the Scandinavian Trophies.

Following the handball, beginning at 2:00 p.m., an outstanding Gymnastic Program will take place immediately north of the band shell. Featured performer in the Gymnastic Display will be Champion Gymnast, Carsten Carlson.

The program at the band-shell will commence at 3:00 p.m., preceded

by a march honoring five Scandinavian nationalities.

The Scandinavian Centre, through its Cultural Activities Committee, is proud to present "A Variety Review" which will feature folk dancing and folk songs from Scandinavia, as well as old and new favorites in music and song. Carl Elgestrand and his Variety Review orchestra will present a most delightful musical interlude during the afternoon program.

The "Variety Review" will complete the planned portion of Scandinavian Day at Elk Island Park.

We know that, whether you are young or old, and whatever your taste in entertainment may be, you will find something to your liking at this, the 8th Annual Scandinavian Day—July 30th—Elk Island Park.

Vasa Lodge Norden No. 513 Host To Alberta District No. 18

The Alberta District's two-day convention was opened June 23 by District Master Bert Johnson, at Vasa Hall in Meeting Creek, Alberta. This meeting was most appropriate, as the first convention of the district was held at Meeting Creek thirty years ago.

Due to the illness of our Grand Lodge Deputy, F. Dahlberg, our Past Grand Lodge Deputy took his place.

Different committees were appointed by the District Master. There were fifteen delegates present, eleven of them newly initiated into the District Lodge. Regular District officers were present to conduct the business of the District, with a number of Lodge members and passive District members as visitors.

An impressive service followed, with white stocks placed on the altar in memory of Sister Harrold, whose funeral was held that day. The ceremony opened with "Klippan du som brast for mig". Prayer was offered by Mrs. H. Lodge; Scripture reading by Mrs. E. Floden; Solo by Alfonse Streberg accompanied by Dagmar Pederson. The names of Lodges and departed members were read by Mrs. M. Pearson and Mrs. E. Pierre, and the Memorial address was given by Mrs. M. Eliasson. The service ended with singing "Beautiful Saviour."

Reports were given by different members of the Executive Board. These reports were approved with a vote of thanks.

An appeal was made to all lodges for a gathering of a Vasa or Children's Day in 1962.

Our District had the honour of coming fourth in the Grand Lodge membership campaign, with 100 members being initiated during 1960.

Mrs. Floden, charter member of Meeting Creek, passive member of the District Lodge who now resides in New Westminster, was presented with a corsage by the District Master.

After our two-day session had been conducted with reports, new and tabled business, election of officers followed with the following results:

Past District Master, Bert Johnson
District Master, Mrs. M. Eliasson
Vice District Master, Eric Olsson
District Secretary, Eric Engvall
District Treasurer, Magnus Pearson

Executive Board, L. Thorsen; Violet Oberg; H. Ericson
Chairman of Auditors, Arne Dixon
District Culture Leader, Eric Olson

District Supervisor of Children's Club, Mrs. M. Eliasson

Eric Pierre was elected delegate to our Grand Lodge Convention at

Vasa Lodge

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and Sig Johnson, who were all in costumes. Young and old followed them to the Maypole.

The flag pole was gaily decorated with the Canadian and Swedish flags flying proudly. Below the flags, branches and flowers were woven together in traditional Swedish fashion to form the Maypole.

The children danced happily around the Maypole, and then participated in races and other novelty events. The horse-shoe throw was won by Clair Pearson and Floyd Modin. Pillow fight was won by Bob Pearson; ladies' nailng by Evelyn Modin; throwing rolling pin by Avis Pearson; girls' water skiing by Pauline Johnson; boys' water skiing by Bruce Johnson. The rurals had it when it came to tug-of-war, but were outshone by Skandia in fastball. Refreshments were served at Skandia Inn all afternoon.

Don Johnson and Ed Peterson have been patients in the hospital.

Mrs. Hansene Pierre, Mrs. Linnea Lodge, Sig Johnson, Harold Markstrom and Eric Engvall were delegates to the District Lodge meeting held at Meeting Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Eliasson of Lacombe were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mons Eliasson.

Mrs. E. Floden of New Westminster has been a visitor in the Edmonton

Rhode Island, U.S.A. in June, 1962.

The new officers were installed by Past Grand Lodge Deputy, Julius Hober, and his staff. After an expression of thanks was given by the new District Master for the confidence placed in her, and to the retiring District Officers, the meeting adjourned.

The conclusion of the event was a lovely Smorgasbord served by the ladies of Meeting Creek Lodge Norden No. 513. Dancing followed and was enjoyed by all—young and old alike.

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Centenary

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district for the past month.

The Vasa ladies are now the proud possessors of a bright, shiny, new coffee urn, and wish to extend their very sincere thanks to all those people, especially non-members, who donated Nabob coupons towards acquiring this.

On June 20th Karin, beloved wife of Mr. Thomas G. Harrold of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, passed away. She is survived by her husband; son, Kenneth; and daughter Donna;

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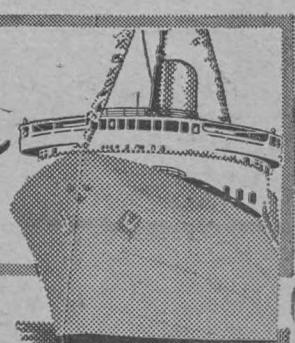
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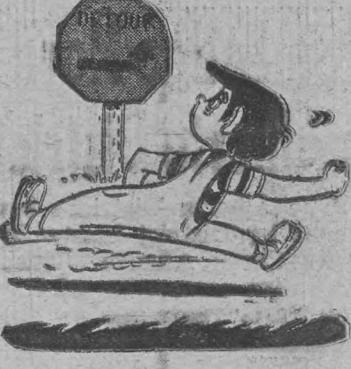
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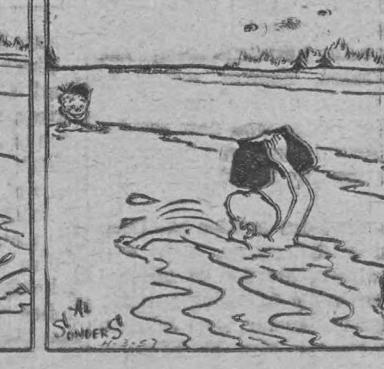
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Remember, you can't git any lower than the bottom.

What's th' use o' livin' long if a feller doesn't live well?

Th' reason some folks never git very far, they spend so much time a coverin' up their tracks.

Many a chap saturated in love gits soaked in the pocket-book.

All gals ain't gold diggers, some will settle for the long green stuff.

The chap who gits less about the tax will git the axe.

None with no money like ain't funny.

—REV. CHARLEY GRANT

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. Egg-shaped
- 2. Small rug
- 3. Certain
- 12. Telegram
- 13. Compass point
- 14. Neat
- 15. Appellation
- 16. Environments
- 18. Climate
- 20. Roams
- 23. Church holiday
- 27. Conscious
- 28. Make a mistake
- 29. Moslem name
- 30. Tie
- 31. Distress signal
- 32. Extend over
- 33. Single
- 34. Had been
- 35. Is due
- 36. Abounded
- 38. Prizes
- 39. Aged
- 41. A pusher
- 44. Nested boxes
- 48. Pillage
- 49. Highest note
- 50. Close to
- 51. Young boys
- 52. Fellow of Royal Society (abbr.)
- 53. Gentleman (abbr.)
- 21. Heavy string
- 22. Hindu queen
- 24. South American animal
- 25. African antelope
- 26. Tolls
- 28. Goddess of dawn
- 31. Young seal
- 32. Swinging
- 34. Healthy
- 35. Night bird
- 37. Encounters
- 38. City in France
- 40. Lampreys
- 41. Is sick
- 42. Extinct bird
- 43. Seed case
- 45. Born
- 46. Sped
- 47. Worthless scrap

DOWN

- 2. Possess
- 3. By way of
- 3. Limb
- 4. Sheltered side
- 5. High plateau
- 6. The drill
- 7. Restraints
- 8. Mixes
- 9. Vase
- 10. Equip
- 11. Printing measures
- 17. Kip
- 19. Look at
- 20. Wooden shoe
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THE INDIVIDUAL FIBERS OF JUST A ONE CUBIC INCH OF SPRUCE WOOD, IF LAID END-TO-END, WOULD EXTEND A DISTANCE OF MORE THAN 10 MILES!

A TORCH GIVING HEAT AS HOT AS THE SUN (9,500° F.) WAS BUILT IN THE LABS OF TEMPLE UNIV. (Philadelphia).